

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF CANADA
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The Annual Meeting will be held in Banff during the Canadian Library Association convention, on Wednesday, June 11, at 2.30. We are very much pleased that Mr. Neal Harlow, chief librarian of the University of British Columbia, will be our guest speaker. As a combined book collector and librarian, Mr. Harlow is especially fitted to address a group which consists largely of book collectors and librarians. His career has been entirely western, and the parts of it most interesting to us are the years in which he worked with rare books, manuscripts, maps and newspapers, culminating in his establishment at the University of California at Los Angeles of a Department of Special Collections. His book, "The Maps of San Francisco Bay, 1769-1847", created something of a stir when it was published in 1950.

The Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago, with its flair for attacking the contemporary problem, has chosen, for the subject of its 17th annual conference this summer, August 11 to 15, The Communication of Specialized Information. As speakers, it brings a group of authorities on communication in such fields as Industrial Relations, Statistics, and Scientific Research. In a sense, this will serve as an expansion of some aspects of the 15th annual conference, on Bibliography, held two years ago; indeed, several of the same speakers will be heard.

Canadian bibliography has taken a leap forward with the publication, by the University of Toronto press, of Marie Tremaine's exhaustive Bibliography of Canadian Imprints 1751-1800. Most of the members have heard much of this work, but they will be startled, even so, at the vast amount of information, on printers and authors and historical backgrounds, to be found in the notes and the introduction. On December 1st, in Toronto, and on the 6th in Ottawa, Miss Tremaine addressed library groups on some of the problems faced in the preparation of her Arctic bibliography, now in press. Fortunately, this talk will be published by the Canadian Library Association. Miss Tremaine is one of our founders.

Most of the members will have seen Canadian Quotations and Phrases, pioneer work by Robert Hamilton, one of our members. It is a most useful piece of work, showing evidence of much detailed biographical and historical, as well as literary information.

Only four booksellers in all of Canada are included in the recently-published International Directory of Antiquarian Booksellers, 1951-1952, published by the International League of Antiquarian Booksellers in London. There is a sort of apology in their statement that, since no society of such booksellers exists in Canada, they had to draw on Canadian memberships in British and American ones.

We regret the hiatus in the Reprint Series. Number five is in press. Numbers 6, 7, and 8 are in progress, two of them since a year ago. The editors of these two struck serious delaying snags. The Reprint Series will henceforth appear as the Facsimile Series, since the mimeographed form has been abandoned.

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